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Sanjay GHEMAWAT et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2163
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For: NAMESPACE LOCKING SCHEME)	

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STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

In accordance with Applicants' duty to submit a statement regarding the substance of an interview, Applicants submit that a telephone interview occurred on November 14, 2006, in which Applicants' representative discussed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Adya et al., McClaghry et al., and Nitta et al. In particular, Applicants' representative explained that claim 1 recites that locks are acquired and then it is determined whether the locks conflict, while the references applied by the Examiner disclose determining whether a request for a lock conflicts with a granted lock. No agreement was reached.

Applicants' representative also discussed the features of claims 10 and 11. The Examiner agreed to reconsider these features.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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